

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KABUL 02511 031537Z POSS DUPE
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 /099 W
-----086119 040422Z /14

R 030805Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7230
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY COLOMBO
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
CINCPAC
USUN NEW YORK 722

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 2511

CINCPAC: FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PORG (NAMCC), KN, YO, CE, AF
SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL EXPECTED TO VISIT KABUL

REF: SEOUL 2558 (NOTAL)

1. ON APRIL 2, AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH MEUNG JUN CHOI, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK), THE POSSIBILITY THAT YI CHONG-MUK, NORTH KOREA'S VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MIGHT BE VISITING AFGHANISTAN LATER THIS MONTH IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING (MAY 6-10) MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NAMCC) AT KABUL (REFTEL). CHOI IS RESIGNED TO THE FACT THAT YI WILL INDEED COME, PROBABLY SOMETIME AFTER APRIL 15 OR 16, WHEN AFGHANISTAN'S TRAVELLING PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BOTH BE BACK IN TOWN.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KABUL 02511 031537Z POSS DUPE

2. CHOI HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE HERE AT TRYING TO HEAD OFF A KOREAN ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE NAMCC MEETING. (HE WAS RECENTLY ASSISTED BY A VISITING ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO VISITED KABUL MARCH 24-27.) ALTHOUGH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL SAMAD GHASUS AND DIRECTOR MOHAMMAD GUL JAHANGIRI OF THE FIRST POLITICAL DIVISION (ALL COUNTRIES EAST OF AFGHANISTAN)

HAVE ASSURED ROK OFFICIALS THAT THE KOREAN ITEM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISTURB THE NONCONTROVERSIAL AGENDA THE AFGHANS HOPE TO ARRANGE FOR THE CONFERENCE, CHOI IS NOT SO SANGUINE. NOTING THAT THE INDIANS HAD GIVEN SIMILAR ASSURANCES BEFORE THE NAM MEETING AT NEW DELHI LAST YEAR, CHOI RECALLED THAT THE SAME MR. YI HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT HAVING A KOREAN ITEM INSERTED IN THAT CONFERENCE'S AGENDA. CHOI THINKS IT CAN BE DONE AGAIN AT KABUL WHEN THE "INTERNATIONAL ISSUES" PART OF THE AGENDA IS REACHED.

3. CHOI EXPECTS YI TO HEAD A NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER DELEGATION AT THE KABUL SESSION.

4. ACCORDING TO CHOI, THE NORTH KOREANS ARE REGARDED AS VERY UNSTABLE BY THE AFGHANS. HE REPORTED THAT ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GHANUS HAD DESCRIBED THEM AS BEING "MAD".
ELIOT

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NONALIGNED NATIONS, VISITS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978KABUL02511
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780144-0665
Format: TEL
From: KABUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197804100/aaaadhax.tel
Line Count: 79
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 984ab2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 SEOUL 2558
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2817318
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL EXPECTED TO VISIT KABUL
TAGS: PORG, KN, YO, CE, AF, NAAMC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/984ab2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014